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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the question is rather general. You will bear with me when I say that when people remain for long hours cooped up in a cinema-house and then come out, it is probable they give occasion to prosecution for sanitary offences. Sanitary laws, so far as these rules are concerned, have to be applied. Gradually, we will have to make people understand that they should not use the roadside for such purposes, and it is probable that people do not like it. I am sorry I am not able to give the reply in Telugu."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister told us just now that certain sections of the City Police Act had been extended to mufassal centres. Is it not a fact that the provisions of section 30 of the City Police Act have been extended to mufassal centres to restrict the holding of public meetings, etc. ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member is asking me whether the motive was not bad, I say ' No, Sir.' "

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" సిటీ పోలీసు యాక్టు క్రింద ఏ కేసులు దొరకనప్పుడు యిండ్లలో వున్న వారిని తీసుకొని వచ్చి వారిమీద కేసులు బనాయించారు, నిజమేనా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There are many false cases and false defences also and hon. Members cannot accept anything without a trial. The Courts hold a trial, and come to conclusions and we should accept them."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Are the Government aware that the people consider this old Act as an Act of nuisance rather than an Act for the prevention of nuisance? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is an interesting way of putting it. It explains the state of mind of our people generally with regard to such controls."

Hunger-strike by Communist prisoners in Salem Jail.

* 109 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that several Communist prisoners in the Salem Central Jail have gone on hunger-strike since the evening of the 28th June 1952;

(b) if so, the reason for the same; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken to bring the strike to an end?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

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11-15 a.m. Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :--" May I ask if the reply of the Hon. Minister is based on an inquiry made through the Superintendent of the Jail? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The inquiry was made through the Inspector-General of Prisons, and I have got the information here."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the atrocities committed by Captain Raghunathan, Superintendent of the Salem Central Jail, against the prisoners and, if so, what steps the Government propose to take to stop such atrocities? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether any representations have been received from the prisoners of Cannanore Central Jail? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" We are now in the Salem Jail. (Laughter.) The hon. Member may put a separate question."

An hon. MEMBER :—" We are in the Assembly Hall, Sir."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether the Government have received mass petitions from the mothers of certain prisoners of the Malapattam village making certain demands including transfer of the prisoners to Cannanore Central Jail? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The question is being considered by me, Sir."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that there has been lot of complaints from Salem Jail, and in view of the fact that the prisoners there have resorted to hunger-strikes quite a number of times, will the Government take steps to transfer them to some other jails or send them to their respective provincial jails? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The allegations about hunger-strike and other things have been found to be not true. Their representations for transferring them to jails in their own areas are under consideration of the Government and the Government will issue orders soon."

Leasing of lands under Malabar Tenancy Act.

* 110 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many out of the 18 and odd lakhs of acres of cultivable waste lands in Malabar belong to (1) Government and (2) private janmis ;

(*b*) what extent of such lands has been made available to ryots under section 52-B of the Malabar Tenancy Act ; and